MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH   APRIL 19, 2005

Federal law prohibits the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles from admitting to any of its federally assisted housing complexes an individual that is subject to lifetime registration as a sex offender.

It has come to my attention that Orchard Arms in Santa Clarita - a federally assisted senior and disabled housing complex owned and managed by the Los Angeles County Housing Authority - has a tenant who was convicted of a sexual offense with a minor in January 2003. The offense did not take place at the housing complex. The tenant received a 180-day sentence, served 90 days, and is on probation through January 2006. The tenant is subject to lifetime registration as a high risk sex offender. Federal and Housing Authority policies authorize the eviction of a resident who is convicted of a sexual offense with a minor if the crime is committed at the housing complex, or threatens the health, safety or welfare of residents and others.

There is a day-care center and K-5 private school across the street from the Orchard Arms housing complex. Additionally, there are three other schools and several parks in close proximity to Orchard Arms. Residents, school administrators and teachers, and parents are understandably concerned about the presence of a convicted high risk sex offender residing in public housing in this community.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, and County Counsel to review and confirm the facts; to enforce all appropriate actions and laws to remove this potential threat to the health, safety and welfare of Orchard Arms residents, the concerned school administrators, teachers and parents, and other residents in this community; and to report back to the Board of Supervisors on a weekly basis until this issue is resolved.

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